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Applicant: Howard E. Rhodes

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TRENCH ISOLATION FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office action mailed October 25, 1999, applicant elects to continue prosecution on the merits of claims covering the species of Group I. In particular, applicant elects to continue prosecution on the merits of claims 43-46 and 49-60, which include generic claims 43-45 and 49-52. Applicant understands that upon allowance of one or more generic claims, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species written in dependent form.

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